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Dear Paul, of the fleshpots

After the sampl/ you sent me, academe must be exciting. Your mailing p.m. 24 ~~xx~~ here today, w. your 22 to Lesar (bravo-I've not seen yet) and 3 of 24 to me. Good suggestion laying the marked one aside until 3rd class arrives. Done.

There is going to be no end of the problme of Bud and Computers, and you miscast Smith. Last time I was in DC two weeks or so ago we had a talk about this, he was still uptight, didn't acknolwdge any error in the original, and none of themgave me revised copy. I didn't know of it until your carbon came. None of them can contro; Bud, and Smith has been incredible on some things, this not being the worst. He is an engineer, hence knows all there is to know. Or understand. He couldn't see that what they were feeding Bogg was suicide if he used it even if it had been accurate. And was he angry. They can't do ~~xxxx~~ anything of which Bud doesn't approve and they xan rarely influence him. Most of the time I have, when it was bad as t is, it took a real row. I hate it, hate having to do it. He is a jr. grade JG. I'm staying away except on two things; spectro appeal and Ray, and I've not giben him anything for the appeal of what is new and will not until time to prepare verbal arguments, if any. I don't want to see it in Computers. If it violates no confidece, I'd like to see the memo on origin, etc., for the real origin was, I'm pretty certain, the carbon I gave Bud of the letter I'd sent Boggs, of which you have carbon. Or my telling him I planned it. He stole the idea with the Army just before Xmas, and that was the last real row, when I forced a showdwon in Bud's pffice during his Xmas party. When he finally had to admit I was right he went out and got very drunk. At his own party. Too bad we have to have such things. But be very careful with Bob. My immediate problem is getting my own stuff back, even though promised for more than a year and a half-since the first Sprague/Computers....Jim came here on the Boggs thing and was sick when he saw the potential. They sent him, but none of the others would face him and they would not address what he said. He must have had a rough time....Iwas not silly to be lecturing him. If everybody does it it may make some difference. To now it has been me alone. There is nothing they can't blow. Or won't if it has the slightest chance of promoting Bud. He is sick with ambition to be a hero. That was Hammonde's role, to do for him what he did for J.G. if what he did was "for". They were going to run that drek through their computer setup. Also Popkin. But not the basic books. That bad. Please learn from my experience and give them nothing of anybody else's, nothing that ought not for even a remote reason be used, for they can't control Bud and Bob doesn't want to. Jim is different, but he does the legal work. He is fine. But knows relatively little of the fact, and hasn't time for that kind of work. Bab is disguising an emotional hangup over a security matter which was both unjust and ruinous to him, so he wants blood and tells himself it is something else. I have filed your carbon with the Boggs stuff if we should have further correspondence.

I have read the new part of PM, as has HR and one you do not know. HR found an inexcusable error I'd made but seemed to like. Lil is retyping and after she has finished I'll be reading again. It is my plan to xerox and copyright when she has finished, and then to make a vailable to a very few who might have interest and might be helpful if they read. Somehow I'll raise the money for the minimum xeroxing, which will have to be done here and from the ribbon copy, with which I'll not part. I'll arrange one spare I can send you, because your two-page bit is better, and you'll have a first-copy master which I'll need back unless money is easier to come by than I can now anticipate. While Lil is typing, in every minute I have I'm going over the first part. I'ce eliminated a fair amount, caught typose, made a few minor changes of dated stuff, etc. Then I'll go over the panel stuff, hpping the lower the level or anger so the peaks that will remain may have some ffect. I'Ve never read either since writing them, but I have this fear of the panel stuff. After the corrections in these two I'll go over the new part again. And then after all the corrections are made on the master, I can dream of a private printing. I have a friend who knows something of the subject who is going to contract and popularize on the prospect of commercial publication.

Ivon: he's busier now than ever, so aside from willingness, there is capability. However, they may want some help from me, so if you know anything we should have that you can expect them to have, give me a list. I'd expected him here before this but have heard nothing.Is is any kind of sweat for you to find a N.O. directory should I want something checked in one? I can't get to Lib. Cong.

SM responded. I've forgotten as much about her book as she has of mine. Thanks.

Chron.blacks. skip. Someone else watching for me, but thanks.

I am aware of response to Hoover's 9/23, but the thing that is in point is Hoover's own interpretation. Which is 100% consistent with 5H98-9. I will also be asking, if I haven't, for some of the Bobby-WC corres full size, for facsimile use. I got into this in a bit of detail for a reason you will see. That chapter is titled Hades- Not Camelot.

Glad you are taking note of that Marina stuff. If you have notes for your own AgtO put a copy in that file for future consideration.

When your thesis permits, suggest you follow up on Butler/CD351. When you can, I'd appreciate copy of this. Do you recall all I've been telling you about mys suspicions he worked for State HUAC? The law-enforcement is wow! for neither State nor Senate, for which committee he could have done law-enforcement work, ~~neither~~ having any such capability Can you understand the potential of this? But wait on Butler until I hear from the friend who is doing this separately. As I've carboned you, I'll keep you au courant. This guy is the same color, but nice and not irresponsible. And my friend. ESB is still LA based. Keep this cool. I had held a carbon of this out until you responded. I've added a note on the guidelines and filed under ESB, should we refer to again.

Considering that most of it was written by 6/67 and all was retyped in 8/67, I'm surprised at how little of PM I is dated and how much is in it that I'd forgotten. However, in the total work, there is much I've had to leave out that is relevant and I may try to include in appeandix, like a page here and there, example one page from CD107 not in text but relevant.

Thanks much for the things you are sending. Wish I had the $$$. One way I can do a bit is if you find anyone who wants any of my books. Have them pay you, keep the money, and I'll send. I have copies of those I published. And for churchmice, I also have damaged copies that I don't sell. Did JF ever send you the check? He gets busy and forgets.

Best,